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Please consider my opinions listed below in the judgment of this case.

I believe that Microsoft operated in a non-competitive and predatory manner that harmed companies directly, and caused others to go out of business altogether. Because Microsoft manufactures not only the operating system, but the applications and tools to develop applications for their operating system, they have an unfair advantage to promote their products before all others and have done exactly that.

- 1) I believe that I have been deceived by Microsoft when I bought software that did not work as advertised, but could not request a refund because of the End user License Agreement "EULA" that must be agreed to before inspecting the product. (Windows 95 USB support, for example). In this EULA, Microsoft cannot be held liable for the performance of the product.
- 2) Microsoft's operating system has been shown to intentionally damage the operation of competing application software. (Netscape Navigator and others)
- 3) Microsoft's sales practices to OEM's prevented the OEM's from selling computers with competing operating systems preinstalled. (BeOS and others)
- 4) Microsoft's dominant position in the market has allowed them to modify existing standards to make the result incompatible with all but Microsoft products. (C, Java, Kerberos, MPEG, etc...) Microsoft's development tools use the incompatible formats deny computer users the choice of applications to use.

All of the practices Microsoft has used were intended to promote their products and harm to all others unfairly.

Please rule for the dissolution of Microsoft Corporation into at least 3 separate companies; Operating systems (Windows 2000, XP, etc...), Applications (Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, etc...), and Development tools.

You may notice that I am using a Microsoft application in drafting this e-mail. This is not by choice.

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.
- Thomas Jefferson

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